REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pierce et al. (US 5,666,364). Claims 3, 6, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pierce in view of Petty et al. (US 6,546,263).

Regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, 7 and 13 under §102(b), the Examiner alleges that Pierce et al. anticipates all of the limitations of the claims. Pierce teaches a method for prioritizing services provided by different network entities. Since Pierce et al. deals with a multi-network communication system and not with a mobile terminal operation as set forth in the claims of the present application, Pierce cannot be said to anticipate the claims of the present application. Additionally, Claims 1, 7 and 13, have been amended as set forth herein, to further clarify the distinctions between the claims of the present application and the cited reference. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of independent Claims 1, 7 and 13 under §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 7 and 13 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-14, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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